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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

King County

In June 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Kiranjit K. Sohal** (NA60178809) for abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult. In February 2014 the state Department of Social and Health Services found that Sohal neglected a vulnerable adult and Sohal's registered nursing assistant credential was immediately suspended. Sohal didn't implement an effective plan to prevent a patient from getting pressure sores, seek treatment for the sores, or monitor their skin condition. Sohal cannot be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Snohomish County

In April 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Haneen Ahmed Alaboudi** (NA60258676). Alaboudi cannot apply for reinstatement for at least five years. Alaboudi was convicted in Everett Municipal Court of theft. While working at an assisted-living facility, Alaboudi stole a vulnerable adult's laptop and later confessed to police. The state Department of Social and Health Services found that Alaboudi

financially exploited a vulnerable adult and cannot be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Spokane County

In April 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the licensed practical nurse credential of **Jody Marie Dunham** (LP00034245). She refused to enter into a drug and alcohol monitoring program as required in a 2014 agreement.

In April 2014 the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the physician and surgeon credential of **Keith A. Hurst** (MD00029899). He was deemed unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to a mental and/or physical condition and substance abuse concerns during an evaluation.

Thurston County

In May 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Emily Mary Green** (NC60286770) under which she voluntarily surrendered her credential. Green can never practice as a certified nursing assistant in Washington, including temporary, emergency, or volunteer practice. The state Department of Social and Health Services found that Green abused or neglected a vulnerable adult. Green's certified nursing assistant credential was suspended in March 2014 after she abused a 90-year-old dementia patient in a care facility where she worked. Green restrained the patient's arms while a coworker inserted a soapy rag in the patient's mouth which made it hard for the patient to breath. Green cannot be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In May 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program indefinitely suspended the chemical dependency professional trainee credential of **Willard Douglas DeRouen Jr.** (CO60385070). He failed to comply with terms and conditions of a 2013 agreement.

Yakima County

In April 2014 the Pharmacy Commission suspended the pharmacy assistant credential of **Nancy Sanchez** (VB60312739) for at least five years. Sanchez was charged in Yakima County Superior Court with second-degree identity theft after stealing a patient's checkbook at the pharmacy where she worked and attempting to cash one of the checks.

Out of State

Georgia: In December 2013 the secretary of health entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Amber Danielle Baltzell** (NC60122913) that suspends her credential for at least two years. She financially exploited a vulnerable adult while employed in a supported living setting that provides services for vulnerable adults. Baltzell cannot be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

North Carolina: In April 2014 the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the physician and surgeon credential of **Lawrence M. Rubens** (MD60302825). Ruben's license was suspended indefinitely by the Ohio Medical Board due to alcohol dependence and mental health concerns.

Oregon: In April 2014 the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **Carrie Liane Christie** (RN.60278421) when her license was revoked in Oregon. Christie admitted to the state's nursing board that she pled guilty to unlawful possession of methamphetamine and was sent to a court-ordered diversion program. The commission suspended Christie's registered nurse credential indefinitely in May 2014.

Oregon: In April 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the chemical dependency professional credential of **Jacci Eileen Hawkins** (CP00005485). She submitted a fake urine sample and later tested positive for marijuana, amphetamines and methamphetamines during an observed urinalysis. Following the positive results, Hawkins did not enter into a required drug monitoring program.

Oregon: In April 2014 the Pharmacy Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of pharmacist intern **Marie Jeanette Marquis** (IR60289461) because she is no longer enrolled as a pharmacy student at commission-accredited college.

Oregon: In April 2014 the Nursing Commission suspended registered nurse **Jason R. Vargo** (RN60392126) until his Oregon license is no longer under probation or other conditions. The Oregon State Board of Nursing placed Vargo on probation for two years.

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